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February 28, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Box PCT - DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

FORM PTO-1390 (REV 5-93)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 32221-143591
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 09/202,759
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP97/02167	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE April 26, 1997	PRIORITY DATES CLAIMED June 22, 1996	
TITLE OF INVENTION - see attached pages -			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US - see attached pages -			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).			

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- See attached pages for additional data -

01 FC:154	130.00 OP
02 FC:156	130.00 OP
03 FC:117	870.00 OP

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Attorney Docket: 32221-143591 NNK
(formerly SIMNS 4355.0)

Attention: PCT-DO/EO/US

Re: Patent Application of: Karl-Günther HÄNSEL, et al.
International Application No. PCT/EP97/02167 filed April 26, 1997
Priority Claimed: German Appln. No. 196 24 977.5 filed June 22, 1996
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/202,759
For: METHOD OF PROCESSING POSTAL MATTERS

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements issued October 28, 1999, submitted herewith are the following:

- Inventor declaration
- Preliminary Amendment to eliminate multiple claim dependency.
- Assignment and certified coversheet.
- English translation of application and annexes. [For examination purposes in the United States, please use the translation of the Annexes (AMENDED PAGES at bottom of each sheet) in lieu of the original pages.]
- International Preliminary Examination Report in English
- International Preliminary Examination Report, Final Opinion with Annexes
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Request for 3-Month Extension of Time
- Notice of Missing Requirements.

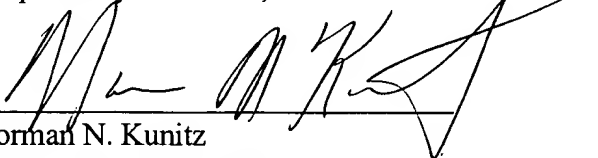
Official fees:

Surcharge for late submission of declaration	\$ 130.00
Filing application with non-English language text and paying the official surcharge.	130.00
Assignment recording fee	40.00
Fee for 3-Month Extension of Time	870.00

Total fees enclosed: \$1,170.00

Should no remittance be attached, or should any greater or lesser fee be required, please charge or credit our Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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U.S. APPLICATION NO. 09/202759	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT HANSEL	ATTY. DOCKET NO. K	SIMNS 4355.0
VENABLE BAETJER HOWARD & CIVILETTI 1100 NEW YORK AVENUE NW SUITE 300 EAST WASHINGTON, DC 20005 3955		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP97/02167	
		I.A. FILING DATE 26 APR 97	PRIORITY DATE 22 JUN 96
		DATE MAILED: 28 OCT 1999	

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as

- ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),
☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.

☒ Copy of the international application in:

- ☒ a non-English language.
☐ English.

☐ Translation of the international application into English.

☐ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.

☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments.

☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☐ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.

☐ Preliminary amendment(s) filed _____ and _____.

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and _____.

☐ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed _____.

☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

☒ Priority Document.

☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

☒ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.

☒ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

☐ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.

☒ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

3. Additional claim fees of \$ _____ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE **MUST** BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY ☐ 21 OR ☒ 31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the annexes will be cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.

5. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice *MUST* be returned with this response.

Enclosed:

☐ PCT/DO/EO/917

☐ PTO-875

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (December 1997)

☐ Notice of Defective Translation

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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**REQUEST FOR
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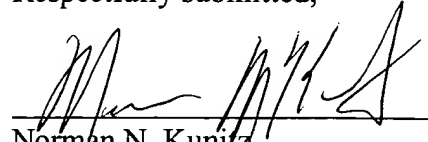
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period for replying to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated October 28, 1999, be extended for three (3) months under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

The applicable extension fee of \$870.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a large entity is submitted herewith.

Should any additional fees be needed, please charge our Deposit Account Number 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Norman N. Kunitz', is written over a horizontal line.

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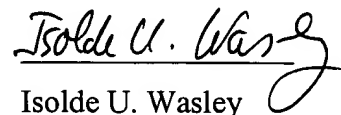
I, Isolde U. Wasley, hereby declare that I am familiar with the English and German languages and am a professional translator from German into English and am employed as a translator in the offices of VENABLE, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti, LLP, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005-3917;

That I have prepared a translation of PCT Application PCT/EP97/02167, entitled "VERFAHREN ZUR VERARBEITUNG VON POSTSACHEN" [Method of Processing Postal Goods], said application, the amended pages and translation thereof being attached hereto and made a part of this declaration.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the above translation is accurate and fairly reflects the contents and meaning of the original document.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 28, 2000.


Isolde U. Wasley